



Office of Administrative Services
FOIA Requester Service Center

February 7, 2016

Ms. Nancy M. Cook
POLITICO
1000 Wilson Boulevard
8th Floor
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Dear Ms. Cook:

This is in response to your General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act request (GSA-2017-000229), dated December 1, 2016, in which you requested the following:

"Hello, I'm a reporter at Politico. I'd like to FOIA all of the email traffic and communication between the GSA and the Trump Transition team about initially setting up the office space. I already have the lease document but I'm looking for the emails that led up to that document."

Enclosed please one thumb drive which is addresses items responsive to your request. Specifically, GSA is providing the combined documents from the GSA presidential elect team involved in the communication for initially setting up the office space. We are also enclosing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) reached between Donald Trump's transition organization and the General Services Administration and the Amendment to the respective MOU.

In processing your request, we withheld proprietary information. This denial is based on the fourth statutory exemption under FOIA, which permits an agency to withhold trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). As such, we withheld unit pricing information, Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TIN), and DUNS Numbers. This determination was made independently based upon our analysis and the content of the requested records.

Additionally, GSA has withheld the addresses of pre-elect and post-elect election space, telecommunications information and security names pursuant to the fifth statutory exemption of FOIA as this information relates to the deliberative process of planning security and telecommunications protocol.

GSA has withheld portions of emails between the Office of General Counsel attorneys and GSA employees under the fifth statutory exemption of FOIA which permits an agency to withhold confidential communications between an attorney and a client when it relates to a legal matter for which the client has sought professional advice. We also withheld under the fifth statutory exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), information considered to be pre-decisional and

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deliberative in nature to include early drafts of agency documents (including email attachments) whose redactions were not finalized.

Furthermore, we withheld personally identifiable information, such as signatures and cell phone numbers of Federal employees, pursuant to the sixth statutory exemption to the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)), which permits an agency to withhold information that would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Based on the information cited above, this constitutes a partial denial of your request. You have the right to appeal the partial denial of records under FOIA. To do so, you must write, within 90 days of your receipt of this letter, to the following address:

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Your appeal must be in writing and should contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Enclose copies of your initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope should be marked prominently, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes our action on this release. Should you have any press-related questions, please contact Ms. Milayo Olufemi, GSA Deputy Press Secretary by email at press@gsa.gov. You may also contact the GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Audrey Brooks, at (202) 205-5912 or by email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

Travis Lewis

FOIA Program Manager

Enclosures:

- Communications
- Trump MOU
- Republican Addendum